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Pursuant to Article IX (see p. 1409) of the International Sanitary Convention, signed at Washington, October 14, 1905, to which both the Governments of Cuba and the United States are signatory, the Cuban authorities have advised that Cuba is now to be considered free from plague, but that the collection and examination of rats in Habana will continue. In compliance with the terms of the convention referred to, the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States has waived, until further notice, restrictions on passenger traffic from Cuba to the United States. Precautions against the importation of rats from Cuba to the United States on vessels will be continued, in conformity with the policy being carried out by the Cuban authorities.

Habana—Inspection of Vessels Clearing for the United States.

Passed Asst. Surg. von Ezdorf reports as follows regarding the inspection at Habana of vessels clearing for United States ports:

Week ended August 17, 1912.

Bills of health issued.....	22
Vessels inspected and passed.....	15
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	885
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	396
Number of vessels certified as complying with paragraph 35, United States Quarantine Regulations, 1910.....	10
Vessels fumigated to kill rats.....	9
Vessels fumigated by Cuban authorities, under the supervision of the United States Public Health Service.....	3
Passengers individually certified.....	260
Passengers certified after detention at Tricornia:	
For New York.....	13
For Key West.....	42
For New Orleans.....	8

Examination of Rats—Disposal of Garbage.

During the week ended August 17 there were examined 675 rats. No plague-infected rat was found.

The sanitary authorities are enforcing the regulations in the infected zone requiring householders to procure and use metal garbage cans with covers. During the week ended August 17 about 2,000 persons were fined for noncompliance with the regulation.

HAWAII.

Examination of Rodents for Plague Infection.

During the week ended July 27, 1912, 801 rats and mongoose were examined at Hilo and 1,747 at Honokaa. No plague infection was found.

At Honolulu during the same week 265 rats were examined. No plague infection was found.

The last case of human plague occurred at Honokaa March 15, 1912. The last plague-infected rat was found between Honokaa and Kapulena April 24, 1912.